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Bruck a.d. Leitha

1. Tank exercises in which six tanks participate take place almost daily between the camp at Bruck and Wilfleinsdorf. Training appears to consist mainly of driving in difficult country, and aiming the tank guns.
2. On two occasions a Russian senior lieutenant and four NCOs were   surveying 50X1-HUM at a point 300 meters east of a place called Pestkreuz south of Wilfleinsdorf. The officer was handling a surveying apparatus and the NCOs were holding up measuring poles at the south bank of the Leitha canal and at points about 60 meters south of the road running parallel with the canal. The troops wore black shoulder boards with red piping and tank badges.

# Kaisersteinbruch

3. On 19 January, 120 troops with light red shoulder boards left the transit camp at Kaisersteinbruch in four trucks, allegedly in the direction of Vienna. There are still about 250 men left in the transit camp.
4. On 15 January the following troops from Kaisersteinbruch main camp were seen training:
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- a. approximately 40 men training with three guns in the camp.
  - b. 60 men with artillery badges were marching on the road to the camp carrying rifles.
  - c. a group of 14 men were practicing with one gun near the road. The gun had a barrel about 2 1/2 meters long with muzzle brake and two rubber wheels. (Distance about 60 meters.)
  - d. in a field near the camp 40 men with 3 MGs on tripods.

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5. On 18 January at 23.30 hours, eight Russian T-34 tanks and four trucks arrived by rail at the Bruck station from the direction of Vienna. The drivers were not familiar with the area and tried to cross the Leitha at night over a bridge which

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was damaged some time ago and could not be used for tanks. Eventually the tanks crossed the river at Wilfleinsdorf.

6. On 19 January these tanks and trucks were parked at a place south of the river Leitha about halfway between the Bruck camp and Wilfleinsdorf. There appears to be no connection between this group of tanks and the troops stationed in Bruck camp.
7. The parking area for the eight tanks is the same as that used in the early autumn by the groups of tanks from Vienna which came for short training periods of eight to ten days.
8. On 22 January the eight tanks mentioned above had left the parking place and were not to be seen anywhere in the locality. It is not known, however, whether they have left the area altogether.

Railway Movements through Bruck a.d. Leitha

9. The 12 railroad flatcars which were present at Bruck on 17 January have now been reduced to 6. Five of the flats are known to have been returned empty to Vienna.
10. No flatcars have crossed the Hungarian frontier in either direction since the 26 flatcars which were reported as going to Hungary on 6 January. 50X1-HUM

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12. Three Russian hospital coaches with sick soldiers were connected to the Russian leave train passing through on the Bruck-Hegyeshalom line on 18 January 1951 in the direction of Hungary.

Fasangarten Camp near Goetzendorf

13. Only six tanks have been seen in any part of Fasangarten camp. There are 14 or 16 tent-like objects on the northern side of the camp which could possibly be mistaken for tanks.

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